

In the Abstract:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 16, line 1 with the following amended paragraph:

The magnetic head tester of the present invention drives a ~~medium~~ (40) medium for rotation to float a ~~slider~~ (10) slider from the ~~medium~~ (40) medium so as to test a magnetic head for its characteristics, and the tester ~~comprises~~ includes a ~~holder~~ (20) holder removably holding the ~~slider~~ (10) slider opposed to the surface of the ~~medium~~ (40), medium, and suspension ~~means~~ (24) means provided in the ~~holder~~ (20) holder which has the same function as a suspension supporting the ~~slider~~ (10) slider in a real apparatus. With this tester, tests can be executed by exchanging the ~~slider~~ (10) slider alone, and it is unnecessary to discard the suspension even when the magnetic head is judged to be ~~out of order~~, defective, thus ~~the loss of production cost for costs for~~ the suspension and processing cost for costs for assembling the slider in the suspension can be avoided.